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Hello,

The rebuilding of Dundee Road (IL 68) bridge over Union Pacific Railroad and Northwest Highway (US 14) has commenced. IDOT conducted public hearings and met with local government for this project in 1997. No bicycle or pedestrian accommodations, except for an 8 foot shoulder, are included in the final design plan for this \$13.4 million project.

I am advocating for the inclusion of a bicycle underpass under Dundee Road just south of the Union Pacific Railroad. A proposed bicycle trail located parallel to the railroad at this location is shown on a regional greenways plans and a regional bikeways plan. A greenway is proposed at this location on Cook County Forest Preserve's land acquisition plan. Since the roadway leading to the bridge will be reconstructed, it would be a good opportunity to get a pedestrian culvert included in the project, to allow for the future construction of this greenway trail.

I attached a map showing the location of the proposed bicycle underpass.

I checked with the Cook County Recorder's Office and confirmed that a trail easement exists across all parcels adjacent to the railroad between just east of Dundee Road and just west of Quentin Road. The width of this easement varies from 100 to 200 feet. The Inverness town hall property divides the easement. This 1.4 mile long strip of vacant land is ideal for a linear park in Inverness. It would be Inverness' 4th park. Without this trail, bicyclists will continue to use roads that are not-recommended for bicycle use, including Dundee Road and Northwest Highway (according to IDOT Bicycle Map-1999).

There are many months before the south approach will be torn up. Please contact IDOT to request this trail underpass. At a minimum, the feasibility and cost of a culvert should be determined.

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Thank you for your consideration on this important opportunity.

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Note: I have developed an extensive website dedicated to trail planning information in the northwest suburbs. Please visit it to review the information I have for the communities you represent.